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1. BY SEPTTEL IN WHICH WE HAVE CONCURRED, NAVY IS FORMALLY
REQUESTING ENTERPRISE VISIT MELBOURNE AND LONG BEACH
VISIT HOBART ON CONCLUSION OF EXERCISE KANGAROO II.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE THIS AT VARIANCE WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH

PRIME MINISTER FRASER REPORTED REFTEL A FOR POSSIBLE VISIT OF ENTERPRISE TO SYDNEY. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO AUSTRALIAN CATEGORY C BERTHS DESIGNATED FOR SYDNEY (REFTEL B). ANY CAT C BERTH LIKELY TO BE PROPOSED IN ANTICIPATION OF A VISIT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD BE A REMOTE ANCHORAGE UNACCEPTABLE FROM SHORE ACCESS STANDPOINT FOR A VISIT OF THIS TYPE AND DURATION. WE WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY AGREEING TO A VISIT BY ENTERPRISE ON THIS BASIS SINCE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE POLITICAL MERITS WOULD OVERRIDE THE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OUTLINED BY THE FLEET COMMANDER IN REFTEL C. A VISIT BY ENTERPRISE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, IF GOA WOULD ACCEPT USE OF

ANCHORAGES WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY USED AT SYDNEY, INCLUDING ONE BY ENTERPRISE IN 1964. LOCATION OF THIS AND OTHER RSC BERTHS ARE IN REFTEL D. IT IS OUR EXPECTATION, THOUGH, THAT THE GOA MORE LIKELY WOULD CONSIDER THOSE LOCATIONS AS CATEGORY A OR B, AS INDEED THEY ALREADY HAVE DONE IN TWO CASES. THE ABOVE REMARKS ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO A VISIT BY LONG BEACH TO SYDNEY SHOULD THAT POSSIBILITY ARISE.

3. REFTEL A ALSO INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF DENYING VISITS BY CONVENTIONALLY POWERED SHIPS TO PORTS IN STATES WHICH DENY ACCESS TO NPWS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE SUCH ACTIONS WOULD FURTHER OUR INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA. TO ADOPT A POLICY TO RESTRICT PORTS AT WHICH CONVENTIONALLY POWERED SHIPS CAN CALL MIGHT DEFEAT OUR OBJECTIVE TO GAIN ACCESS BY NPWS TO THOSE PORTS AT WHICH CONVENTIONALLY POWERED SHIPS CAN CALL.

4. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING AS APPROPRIATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA EXCEPT, AS USUAL, NO REFERENCE TO RSC PROCESS CAN BE MADE.

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